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ABSTRACT

A method of alleviating a fibrotic disease selected from systemic sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and diabetic complications in a warm blooded animal, which comprises administering an effective amount of at least one compound having the formula (I)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
B \\
\hline
-CH_2X \\
\hline
-CR^1R^2-COOH
\end{array}$$

in which X, n, R^1 and R^2 have the meanings given in the specification.